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"Puerto Rico"

Hello Mrs. Manley,

I received your letter today and was glad as always to hear from, this leaves all well here, hope it will find all the same there. From the way the league is going now, we will be here the two extra weeks for the play off, and we won't get there before April 7. Ray's team, Aguadilla, is leading now and I am quite sure they will win the second half. Speaking of Ray, he is really going great, he has won his last five games, and none of those fine teams have scored over three runs off of him. He is also hitting good, in fact his hitting won his game Sunday against Raymond Brown. The last time I seen him, 2 weeks ago, he said, and his wife, that he wanted to play in the States this year, and speaking from hearsay. I am quite sure he does, in fact nearly everyone wants to. Ray's address is % Aguadilla B. B. Club, Aguadilla. Harry William also told me he would like to play in Newark again, he said he didn't belong to any team, his address is Humacao, P. R.

Mrs Manley, please don't get me wrong, I am not being ungrateful because I am fully aware of all you and Mr. Manley have did for me, such as the raise you gave me, and I am not going place without first letting you all know. I know I am no star or anything like that, and what ever I am I owe to your encouragement and confidence, but look at my side

of things, base ball is my career, my living both now and the future, and there is no one to look out for my future but myself. And as you know a ball players advancement depends on his better playing, so, if a player doesn't ask for a raise when he has a good season when is he going to ask. The raise you gave me that year happened because you were interested enough in me to try and encourage me, but after all everyone is not going to do that. And something like it seemed Mr Manly expected me to be great before I really had a chance to develop, I know he carried me a long while and I wasn't producing, but everyone can't just come in the league and let it on fire, even tho they may have the ability, I guess that is why the Major League have farm team, it gives a fellow time to really find himself and gain confidence in himself, and I think those things are very essential to every ball player, not bragging, but I truthfully think I have acquired mine, the season there and here has proven it to me, I am more at ease in every thing I do now, while before I seem to be in a strain from doubting myself, and I think that having injuries I should have a good season there this year. And I really want to play with your ball club this year, and as you said, "Come on something," maybe I more fully prove your confidence in me was right. So Mrs Manly think it over, and I am quite sure you will agree I am worthy of a raise, I am not being greedy, only trying to get ahead, and as I said before, now is the time to start, because it may be a long time before I have a good season, thereby granting me the right to ask. I am glad to hear of Keith, Mandridge and Ray being back with team, it should prove very profitable. And now I will close, hoping to hear from you soon. Your sincerely, Lenny